

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 616

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign the \$1 coin to  
commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 1995

Mr. RANGEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## A BILL

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\$1 coin to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND FINDINGS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1 Dollar Coin Act”.

6       (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

7               (1) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a pre-  
8       eminent spokesman for human civil rights in his  
9       time.

1           (2) The work of Dr. King affected the lives of  
2           more Americans of all races and people around the  
3           world than any other American reform leader of the  
4           20th century.

5           (3) Dr. King was one of America's most erudite  
6           scholars and social and religious activists.

7           (4) Dr. King, because of his lifelong achieve-  
8           ments and moral vision, was a recipient in 1964 of  
9           the Nobel Peace Prize.

10          (5) Dr. King mobilized leaders of all faiths,  
11          races, and creeds to support the passage of the his-  
12          toric civil rights laws in the 1960s.

13          (6) Dr. King inspired activists for human rights  
14          around the world by applying a philosophy of non-  
15          violence.

16          (7) Dr. King helped to mobilize the African-  
17          American civil rights movement as a founder of the  
18          Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

19          (8) Dr. King has been honored by the Nation  
20          with the designation of the third Monday in January  
21          as a national holiday in his name.

22          (9) The largest collection of materials relating  
23          to Dr. King is in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cen-  
24          ter for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, Geor-  
25          gia.

1 **SEC. 2. REDESIGN OF \$1 COIN TO COMMEMORATE**  
2 **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

3 Section 5112(d)(1) of title 31, United States Code,  
4 is amended—

5 (1) by striking the 5th and 6th sentences and  
6 inserting the following: “The obverse side of the dol-  
7 lar shall have the likeness of Dr. Martin Luther  
8 King, Jr. The reverse side of the dollar shall have  
9 a design emblematic of Dr. Martin Luther King,  
10 Jr.”; and

11 (2) in the 4th sentence, by striking “dollar, half  
12 dollar, and quarter dollar” and inserting “half dollar  
13 and quarter dollar”.

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